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306 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa. Bpecimens sont gratin, if written for, to ge

Flush Times in Mississippi A Tyrant's Prison House.

thought a brist account of my visit to Mississippi might not be uninteresting to the readers of the Courier Journal. I shall have

in the hotel, I heard a tremendous noise had no alternative but to comply.

Office in the Butler cuildings, Liberty, that they were not gentlemen he would have who acted as guide remarked, in a jocular

that he had lived in several States, but of and ward over the unhappy tenants of the gentleman did not live so long there, by the cells, also of iron, are very lows lived faster and had more glorious enjoyments than in any part of God's earth.

walked up to the landlord next day and called for damages. " Six bundred dollars," said he. "Here's your money," said they Thought I to myself, that's a performance in my memory,

concerns, were in full blast. There was ever they were sometimes treated to a bit scarcely a man who wors good clothes and of meat and a tcharks, or a glassful of went clean shaved who had any difficulty brandy. in borrowing their bills.

of the State and one of the Judges of the regarded him with a fixed look of despair open field. They were both very popular the phrases ran thus:

were rich, or were going to get rich, as they this vault." thought. Speculation was riding on a high wave. A would buy a plantation and negrass of B for \$40,000, and sell them to C castles sooner or later were obliged to fall. and tall they did. Yes they came down with a crash in April, 1837. Men who bought they were the possessors of great fortunes yesterday found themselves bank

rupts to day. Looking around amidst the rains, auxious to discover some person or persons on whom to cast the blame of their own folly and short sightedness, they soon fastened on Jackson and Van Buren as the culprits,-About this time I happened to be in Vicket burg. I heard a gentleman, in one of the botels, giving his friends an account of a trip he had just made to New Orleans. I went there, said he, to make zome arrange ment with my commission merchant about a bill of exchange he had accepted for me a lady's or child's dress. Every subscriber will receive, during the year, twelve of these patterns, so that these alone will be worth more than the wanted me to pay him a part of the money I was not able to do it. He then said that I must get some solvent men to indorse a new bill and take up the old.

It was entirely out of my power to do that, and the first thing I knew he had me locked up in the calaboose. That is an in stitution specially adapted to the incarcers) time could reduce St Petersburg to ruins. tion of foreign debtors. When I got in I saw some of the finest looking men and the best dressed men I had met in all New Orleans. They were smoking their cigars trinking their champagus and talking over their indebtedness. One of them had been a laboused for \$50 000, another for \$100.

000, and some as high as \$260,000. I sat there like a poor man at a frolic, having nothing to say to snybody. A length an impudent little rescal slapped me on the shoulder, and said : "Well, my old rooster, how much were you, jugged for ?" I replied - " Fifteen hundred dollars "-Turning round to his comrades he exclaimed. Why, curse his pitiful soul, gentlemen, let us raise up the money and turn him out." They had no idea of permitting a fellow like him to associate with gentlemen. AN OLD FOGY.

Thirty thousand dollars worth of tobacco at the burning of a tobacco factory.

Correspondence Courier Journal: I have THE CRUELTY WITH WHICH THE NIHIL-

A short account of the celebrated casemates of the fortress of St. Peter and St. to spin some pretty stiff yarns, but they are Paul, in which the Nibiliata are confined as true as Holy Writ. A large majority of imm-diately after their arrest, will. I doubt the persons living at the time are now an- not, he persued with interest by your readevetors, and it will be perceived that they ers. The writer, a St. Petersburg correswere as full of human nature as their de- pondent, obtained access to the casemates by a special order from one of the Grand Dukes The first town in which I called a halt whose name he naturally suppresses. The was Jackson. The Legislature was in see sight of the order when presented was by sion, and many of its members were in high no means acceptable to the commandant of larks. One night, after I had gone to bed the fortress, but as it was peremptory, he

below the stairs, like the breaking of chairs | The casemates, it. appears, are hollowed and bottles, accompanied by loud laughter out under the Neva, and directly under the I arose and went down, There I saw a ramparts. Their only window, a little square crowd of very prominent gentlemen in a big hole, protected by a thick barred grating. frolic. I call them gentlemen, for they were rises but a few inches above the level of so regarded by their acquaintances. Certain the river. A staircase of about ten steps it is, that if any man had dared to intimate leads down to them, and, as the side de camp been knocked down in much quicker time tone; "Many go down, but few came up than it took the Indian to eat the woodcock again." It would seem that the climate is They broke every chair, every glass and not favorable to revolutionists. At stated verything that was breakable in the room distances there are iron doors opening into No effort was made to restrain them in their the halls filled with sentinels, who, with wild debauch. I heard one of them say loaded rifls and fixed bayonet, keep watch That all the States give him Mississippi, for if a cells which open upon them. The doors of Oc be pleased still to dwell with her mother.

As for the tiny prisons, they are very narrow quarters, square, with stone walls At what hour they retired to rest I am and floors, and fairly damp, the water connot able to say, but I do know that they smally dropping about in all directions. A chair, a table and a pallet of white wood form the only furniture. One of the pallets was found to be covered with a bed of straw horribly foul, but even this, poor luxthat will do to keep, and I stored it away ary as it was, must be considered an excep tion. The prisoners, the writer learned, were At that time the Brandon Bank, the Holly fed on a soup made of salted cabbage and Springs Bank and many other owl creek black bread. On grand occasions, how-

The visitor was allowed entrance to a few As I was out sight seeing I went to the of the cells. Their tenants were pale; they Raymond races. There I saw the Governor rose as he entered, according to order, but Supreme Court fighting the tiger, or in other On some of the walls characters had been words, betting at the game of fare in the traced with a pointed instrument. One of

"My poor mother, you doubtless know I now come to more important facts. All that your innocent son is buried alive in

The guide interfered and prevented the writer from reading more. He was shown the famous cell in which was incarcerated was based entirely an credit. Not a dollar Empress Elizabeth, who fell a victim to her passed between the parties. In this way rival, the Empress Catherine II., grands immense fortunes were made on paper .- mother of the present Czar. This unhappy Such bubbles were obliged to burst. Such woman periabed in the cell under the most dramatic circumstances. The Neva, awollen rushing torrent, dashing with overwhelming strength against the tiny window, broke in and fitted the cell with water. The Prine-as was drowned.

The cells of the great state criminals are lined with mattrasses, and rings of iron are placed in the walls, to which many of them are bound when they are not straight waist-coated. The guide informed the writ er, among other things, that these unbappy men were asked every quarter of an hour it they were present. Whenever they failed to reply, they were barbarously punished -He also states that in the wall of the Em peror's room there is an invisible door communicating with a little passage, very narrow, and leading to a subterraneso gallery, hollowed out under the Neva. The gallery leads to the fortress, and in case of a revolution or of eminent peril, the Czar could disappear in a few seconds from the Winter

The palace of the Czar Paul I, which is now the engineers' school, was similarly provided; but when the assession entered his room be had not time to flee, and was struck down at the very moment when he was about to disappear behind the secret door which was already open.

Two men are litigating at Elizabethtown, Ky., over a slave trade that took place in 1855. The defendant bought a negro of the plaintiff, but finding the slave queound made the plaintiff take him back. Plaintiff discovered that the negro was unfit for work. and in 1869 brought suit to recover his value. The case is still on. The plaintiff is 70 and the defendant 80 years old.

A man may be said to know thoroughly only what he can correctly communicate to

In the Clouds.

BY CARRIE V. SHAW.

In a downward arch of clouds, That was rocked on the billowy air, A silver white star lay alone Like an innocent little one there,

Like a glucious soul that is free, It lay in its beauty of white, Asleep in its cradle of clouds That was rocked on the bosom of night.

Like a sugwy-robed infant asleep, Or a coul of the glorious dead, In state lay the glimmering star.— All alone on its gradle-like bod.

Thin curtains of misty-like blue, Trimmed in white, filmy cloud lace, Were drawn from the cradle aside, Where a nephyr just held them in place. Then slow, as the picture dissolved.

A white arm reached out in the blue,
And a beautiful fancy was mine,
As my eyes grow all dim with the dew.

I thought, when our Father shall find Us sitent in death's chilly alesp. With strange, smiling eyes looking up To where the white clouds away and weep.

He will look on our folly and sin-Tired children, who will not awake— And pardon with pitying tears, For our innocent babyhood's sake.

And with souls grown spoiless as then,
With the laces of mixts for our shrouds,
He will take up His poor, weary bakes,
And rock us to sleep in the clouds.

#### Advice to the Girls.

Fair ladies, I pray,
When you smillingly say,
your name you'll exchange for another,
Let each if she can,

The most of young men Who quaff off their dram. And love its delightful sweet flavor; Though detestable rakes, Will swear for your sakes
They lutend soon to change their behavior.

Bot when the dear sky, Has far flown away, And with Hymen's atrong chain they have bound Their promises fale Will oft vanish in air,

And the worst of excesses confound you. Then choose a young man, Despising the dram, One who reads Mrs. Easten's "Aurera," And he'll deal not in strife, But be kind to his wife, And prove a most falthful adorer.

Now take my advice, Young indies so nice.
If you wish not to brawl and to quarrel; Boware then I pray,
And I once again say
Of him whose love dwells in the barret.

## Skating for Lite.

Belgravia; That skating has been in certain circumstances something more than together, and bend back the iron straight an autopsy proved her to be not over 80. mere elegant accomplishment is well illustrated by two au-edotes, told by the author of some entertaining "Reminiscences of Olympic and Pythian games. He is said but they are a very select few, and have Quebec," of two settlers in the far West. to have run a mile with a tour-year old ox hardly ever been verified. The ntmost limit who saved their lives by the aid of their skates In one case the backwoodsman had been captured by Indians, who intended entire carcass in one day. So great was his with such an age actually reach it. Man for \$60 000. Every transaction of the kind the Princess Tarshapova, daughter of the soon after to torture him to death. Among muscular power that he would bind a cord usually claimed, with his supreme egotism his buggage there happened to be a pair of around his head and break it by the swell to be the longest-lived of animals. But the skates, and the Indians' curiosity was so ing pressure of the velos. An ordinary pike, the crow, the elephant, and certain excited that their captive was told to explain meal for Milo was twenty pounds of meat, as species of the engle are reputed to outlast their use. He led his captors to the edge of much bread, and fifteen pints of wine. a wide lake, where the smooth ice stretched by the melted snow, suddenly rose, and the away as far as the eye could see, and put on the skates. Exciting the laughter of the Indians by tumbling about in a clumsy manner, he gradually increased his distance from the shore, till he at length contrived to get a hundred yards from them without arousing their auspicion, when he skated away as fest as be could, and finally escaped The other settler is said to have been ska ting alone one moonlight night, and, while contemplating the reflection of the firms ment in the clear ice, and the vast dark mass of forest surrounding the lake and stretching away in the background, he sud dealy discovered to his horror, that the ad jacent bank was lined with a pack of wolves He at once " made tracks" for home, fo's lowed by these animals; but the ekster kept ahead, and one by one the pack tailed off: two or three of the foremost, however, kept up the chase, but when they attempted to close with the skater, by advoitly turning Palace, and a few minutes after find himself saids he allowed them to pass him, and after in perfect safety in the fortress of St. Peter a few unsuccessful and vicious attempts on and St. Paul, the gues of which in a short the part of the wolves, he succeeded in reaching his log but in safety.

Bald heads never dye.

A bang is considered lond.

An object of interest-An unpaid notes A faint pocket book never wen a fair

Men are like pros. One with a little head may be just as sharp as one with a

The Scientific American says the standard rotter is one that can cover a mile in 2:30 It is said that less than 600 of all the horses raised and trained in the United States have this record. The number that can trot in 2:50 bear the ratio of 2 383 borses raised. As a business the brooding of fast horses is very much of a lottery; and when we recall the fact that the high prices which famous colts have brought have rarely been The human mind is like a vast firmament received by the men who raised them, the was smoked in one night at Richmond, Va .- lighted on all sides by stars of different prizes to breeding and training trotters few are and queertain,

Famous Men of Muscle,

If history is to be believed, Phatylina, of with wealth and bonors.

The Roman Emperor Maximions was up to achieve something, that there is a ustural ward of eight feet in height, and, like Milo. longing in the mass of the human family for of Crotons, could squerze to powder the its extension. Quacks, charlatan's and adhardest stone with his fingers and break the venturers have always taken advantage of leg of a horse by a kick,

first blow, which made him stagger; but re of Life and the Waters of the Fountain of covering, with a blow of his first he, killed his Perpetual Youth were mythe of the middle antagonist on the spot.

blow that its force cleaved him to the waist. dredth year. Strutt, an English authority on games and

athlete.

his hands On one occasion, needing a cork screw, he twisted a large iron nail round into the required shape with his fingers, and opened balf a dozen buttles of wine with it. two as readily as if made of glass.

Topham, an Englishman, born in 1710

spon his shoulders, and atterward killed th suimal with one blow of his fist, and ate the and very rarely do they who are credited

### Something Immense. OLD JOSH'S SQUARE MEAL.

A special to the Cincinnati Euquirer fram Richmond, Va, of the 31st, says Joshus Joynes, a man well known in the eastern part of Virginia as a glutton, that day say lown to dinner, near Onancock, Acomes ounty, and disposed of as much food as would have served a dozen men for a good square meal. Joynes has frequently perormed similar ridiculous feats for wagers

His bill of fare on the 31st consisted of itteen pounds of pork, twelve links of bo ogua sausage, sauce from one large bog one large goose, which the gormandizer has had up fattening for the last menth, one tull grown chicken, one peck of sweet potators, one dozen large biscuits, one large mince pie, and six caps of strong coffee,-Joynes sat down to this repart at one o'clock and at half past two he had disposed of every article named, picked the bones of the fowls and took a glass of egg nog. He then smoked a pipe, jumped on a horse. and rode five miles through the frosty air Joynes weighs two bundred and fifty pounds. and is a good humored old fellow of 60.

The New Haven Begister says when boy walks with a girl as though he were afraid some one might see bim, the girl is his sister. It be walks so close to her as to nearly crowd ber against the fence, it is another fellow's sister.

The leaning tower of Pisa was built in the tweltth century. It is 190 feet high and leans thirteen feet from the perpendicular. The inclination was caused by the a-ttling of one side of the foundation.

Moral evil is never to be committed physical evil may be incorred either to avoid a greater evil or to procure a good,

The majority shrewdly employ their time in obtaining favors, while the minority em play theirs in deserving them.

digiously when there is nothing in them.

Daration of Laie.

The duration of the life of man, mays a Crotona, could jump a distance of 56 feet. New York paper, has been a subject of dis-Among the Greeks the successful athlete cossion for agen in all civilized lands. Life was crowned with laurels and loaded down seems, and is ladeed, so very short to those who can really sojoy it, and who are anxious this desire and turned it to their profit. Con-While a prisoner in Germany, Richard L. sanova St. Germain and Caglinetso traded accepted an invitation to a boxing match extensively on it, pretending to have fived with the son of his julier. He received the for contucies and to be immortal. The Elizie ages, and appealed to the creduloss long The famous Scanderbeg, king of Albania after. Men of much learning and rare solena who was born in 1414, was a man of great tific attainments have had faith in a potential stature, and his feats of sword exercise have longevity that has never been attained.never been equaled. On one occasion, with Buffon declares that every person who does his cimeter, he struck his antagonist such a not die by accident should turn his huny

Hureland, the eminent German physician. amusements, speaks of a Yorkshire jumper contends, in his renowned "Art of Prolongs named Ireland whose powers were marvelons | ing Life," that it may reach 200 years. Bo He was six feet high, and at the age of very little is known of the laws of human sighteen leaped, without the aid of a spring being and continuation that their possibilities board, over nine horses ranged side by side suggest endless and curious speculation. It Polydamus, of Thessalia. was of colossal is by no means improbable that, in this era height and prodigious strength, and it is said. of scientific progress and discovery, certain alone and without weapons, killed an coraged | momentous truths may be arrived at, which ion. One day, it is recorded, he seized a shall be the means of lengthening life. It is bull by its hind feet, and the animal escaped altogether reasonable to suppose, however, only by leaving the hoof in the grasp of the that the race lasts as long now as It has ever done, it it does not last longer. It is a nat Maurice, Count of Saxony, was especially ural tendency of the average mind to regard noted for the surprising muscular power of the past as superior to the present, although whatever we know of the Kosmon teaches that things do not improve backward.

The many accounts we have of extraordinary long-vity in ancient, and even in later, Another time he picked up a dozen of horse | days must be received with large allowance, shoes, and with his hands anapped them in for most of them are plainly falsehoods. Piluy's story of men in the reign of Vens pasian who lived to be 135 and 140 must be was possessed of astonishing strength. His set down with the averment about Henryarmpits, hollow in the case of ordinary men. Jenkins dying in Yorkshire, England, some were with him full of muscles and tendons. two centuries since, at 160 and of Thomas He would take a bar of iron, with its two Parr going to his grave at 152. They are anda held in his hands, place the middle of obviously gross exaggerations, having little the bar behind his neck, and bend the ex more foundation in fact than Baroum's adtremities by main force until they met surfisements that Joice Hoth was 161, when There may have been instances of persons Milo six times won the palm at both the staying on this planet for 110 or 112 years;

## A Diver's Training.

Before a man becomes an export diver be must undergo a course of severe physical training. The atmospheric pressure on the surface is fifteen pounds for every aquars Inch of the body, and on the average man is something like fifteen tone, but the outside and inside pressure being equal, this immense weight is unnoticed. At every thirty-four fast of descent under water this pressure is lucreased one atmosphere, or the additional pressure of fifteen pounds to the square inch. and as it is absolutely necessary to have the air pressure to the armor fully equal to that of the water, some idea can be had of what the diver must withstand, even at the moderate depth of thirty-four feet, although the inhaling of this compressed air in a measure elieves the unpleasent sensation. When the distance is increased to a hundred or a hundred and fifty feet, the sensation becomes almost un-sidurable-the blood starts from the eyes, ears, mouth, and even from the pores of the skin, and on returning to the surface extreme exhaustion is the result. Some men are so constituted physically that they cannot remain under water at all. The greatest depth that is ever attained is one handred and fifty feet, and then the most -xperienced diver can remain at this point but five or six minutes without serious injury. Divers go to this depth only to secure articles of great value, remaining long enough to attach a chain or rope. At a hundred feet an old diver can remain about an hour, and at fifty feet from four to six hours, scoording to the strength of the diver

Best place for the blind-The set side.

It is natural to avoid a clock when it is about to strike one.

No matter how old a prowbar may he, it remains as pry as ever.

A correspondent who is food of Squres writes that our national debt, in allver dol-Men are like wagous-they rattle pro, lars, could be removed by sail only with the aid of 5,550 cars, carrying ten team cash.